

Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to rise in support of this legislation. It has taken a considerable amount of work over several years to reach this point.

It initially arose when a constituent contacted me; he was extremely frustrated, because they were unable to use their radios, television sets, and their cordless telephones, because a neighbor near them was blasting away at 100 watts of CB power when the legal limit is only 5 watts. He had illegally attached a high power amplifier to his CB system.

This person, my constituent, had contacted the police. They were unable to help. They simply said, we do not have jurisdiction. He had contacted State agencies. They also could not help. In both cases, he was told to contact the Federal Communications Commission. When he did so, they said, yes, this person is breaking the law, but we do not have the personnel to go everywhere in the country to take care of this matter. As a result of this situation I have introduced this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I initially thought this constituent's problem was a rather isolated incident. Once I introduced the bill, I heard from individuals and organizations across the country that were encountering the same problem. Since I had apparently hit a hot nerve with a number of members of the public, I decided this bill was worth pursuing.

The Senate has made minor changes to the bill which clarify it and which take care of some concerns of the truckers who, as my colleagues know, use CBs very heavily. They were worried about perhaps being harassed by improper use of this law, but we have taken care of that. I believe it is now in very, very good shape and will serve the purpose for which it was intended.

There will not be any further complications with it; therefore, I urge the Members of the House to concur in the Senate amendments and pass this bill.

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I just would like to commend the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN), the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), and another original cosponsor of this bill, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), for the efforts to bring this bill to the floor today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to say thank you to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), my friend, who has always demonstrated, as the Committee on Commerce often does, a bipartisan spirit to improve the condition of our consumer protection laws.

This certainly is not a bill that is going to reshape the economy of Louisiana or America or Michigan or

Maryland, but it nevertheless is an unusually important bill to neighbors who cannot use their telephones and their television sets.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), my friend.

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN) for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I simply want to thank the members of the Committee on Commerce, especially the gentleman from Louisiana (Chairman TAUZIN), who has been very helpful in this, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), and the ranking member (Mr. DINGELL), and, of course, the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLILEY), who has also been involved in this. I appreciate their help in all aspects of this bill.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to point out, even while we are going through an awfully hotly contested election and waiting to find out who our next President may be, we are still working here and still improving the state of our Nation's laws and this small, but important area making sure that consumers enjoy their televisions and their radios and their mobile telephone sets in their homes.

This is an important bill that helps American families in a very special way when they run into this problem. It will give them local redress so they do not have to come all the way to Washington to get help.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. EHLERS), my friend, for persevering all this year to bring this to final action in this House. I want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Chairman BLILEY), because without the assistance of the gentleman from Virginia, obviously, we would not have moved the bill to this point.

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL), the ranking member of the Committee on Commerce, and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade and Consumer Protection, for their extraordinarily bipartisan cooperation on this and so many communication bills that our committee works on.

Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN), my friend, for being here to help us finalize this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. WYNN).

Mr. WYNN. Mr. Speaker, I would only like to say the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) has put a good perspective on this bill. It does not shake the Earth, but yet it is very im-

portant to our constituents to show that we are, in fact, here working, carrying out the public's business.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for yielding me the time.

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. TAUZIN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 2346.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 44 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 6 p.m.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2001

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 125) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001, and for other purposes, to the end that the joint resolution be hereby passed; and that a motion to reconsider be hereby laid on the table.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 125 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 125

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. Public Law 106-275 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 106(c) and inserting "December 5, 2000", and by adding, at the end, the following three new sections:

"SEC. 121. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this joint resolution, except section 107, there are appropriated for all construction expenses, salaries, and other expenses associated with conducting the inaugural ceremonies of the President and Vice President of the United States, January 20, 2001, in accordance with such program as may be adopted by the joint committee authorized by Senate Concurrent Resolution 89, agreed to March 14, 2000 (One Hundred Sixth Congress), and Senate Concurrent Resolution 90, agreed to March 14, 2000 (One Hundred